

Janice R. Lachance, of Maine, to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management for a term of four years.

Kevin Gover, of New Mexico, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

William R. Ferris, of Mississippi, to be Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Humanities for a term of four years.

Susanne T. Marshall, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board for the term of seven years expiring March 1, 2004.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 1 p.m., and adjourned at 8:50 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Monday, November 10, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S12281.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 46 public bills, H.R. 2977–3023; and 10 resolutions, H.J. Res. 104–105, H. Con. Res. 192–195, and H. Res. 317, 318, 320, 321, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

Conference report on S. 830, Food and Drug Administration Modernization and Accountability Act of 1997 (H. Rept. 105–399); and

H. Res. 319, providing for consideration of S. 738, to reform the statutes relating to Amtrak, to authorize appropriations for Amtrak (H. Rept. 105–400);

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Emerson to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Question of Privilege of the House: The Chair ruled that H. Res. 318, relating to a question of the privileges of the House, did constitute a question of privilege of the House and was in order. Subsequently, agreed to table the resolution by a yea-and-nay vote of 218 yeas to 194 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 622.

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Radio Free Asia Act: The House passed H.R. 2232, to provide for increased international broadcasting activities to China by a yea and nay vote of 401 yeas to 21 nays, Roll No. 623.

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee

on International Relations now printed in the bill was considered as adopted.

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On November 5, the House agreed to H. Res. 302, the rule that provided for consideration of H.R. 2232 and eight other measures relating to the policy of the United States and China. Subsequently, on November 6, further agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical corrections in the engrossment of any measure made in order under the rule, to include corrections in spelling, punctuation, section numbering, and cross-referencing, and to make such other technical and conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the actions of the House.

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Morella to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions for the remainder of the 1st Session of the 105th Congress.

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Transportation and Infrastructure Committee: Read a letter from the Chairman of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure wherein he transmitted resolutions approved by the committee on Wednesday, November 5—referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Extending Veterans Housing and Other Programs: S. 714, amended, to extend and improve the Native American Veteran Housing Loan Pilot Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to extend certain authorities of the Secretary of Veterans

Affairs relating to services for homeless veterans, to extend certain other authorities of the Secretary—clearing the measure for the President. Agreed to amend the title;
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SBA Reauthorization: Agreed to the Senate amendment to the House amendment to S. 1139, to reauthorize the programs of the Small Business Administration—clearing the measure for the President;
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Microcredit for Self-Reliance Act: H.R. 1129, amended, to establish a program to provide assistance for programs of credit and other assistance for microenterprises in developing countries (passed by a yeas and nays vote of 393 yeas to 21 nays, Roll No. 624);
Pages H10504–09, H10527

EXPO 2000 In Hanover, Germany: H. Con. Res. 139, expressing the sense of Congress that the United States Government should fully participate in EXPO 2000 in the year 2000, in Hanover, Germany, and should encourage the academic community and the private sector in the United States to support this worthwhile undertaking (agreed to by a yeas and nays vote of 415 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 626). Agreed to amend the title;
Pages H10524–26, H10528–29

FDA Modernization and Accountability Act: The House agreed to the Conference Report on S. 830, Food and Drug Administration Modernization and Accountability Act of 1997—clearing the measure for the President.
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Self-Determination for Western Sahara: H. Res. 245, amended, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives in support of a free and fair referendum on self-determination for the people of Western Sahara;
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Human Rights In Afghanistan: H. Con. Res. 156, amended, expressing concern for the continued deterioration of human rights in Afghanistan and emphasizing the need for a peaceful political settlement in that country;
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Savings Are Vital to Everyone's Retirement Act: Agreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 1377, to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to encourage retirement income savings—clearing the measure for the President;
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Fire Administration Authorization: S. 1231, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for the United States Fire Administration—clearing the measure for the President;
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Stanislaus County, California Land Conveyance: H.R. 112, to provide for the conveyance of

certain property from the United States to Stanislaus County, California.
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Auburn Indian Restoration Amendment Act: H.R. 1805, to amend the Auburn Indian Restoration Act to establish restrictions related to gaming on and use of land held in trust for the United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria of California;
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Western United States Water-related Facilities: H.R. 2402, amended, to make technical and clarifying amendments to improve management of water-related facilities in the Western United States;
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Jimmy Carter National Historic Site: S. 669, to provide for the acquisition of the Plains Railroad Depot at the Jimmy Carter National Historic Site—clearing the measure for the President;
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Arches National Park, Utah: H.R. 2283, to expand the boundaries of Arches National Park in the State of Utah to include portions of the following drainages, Salt Wash, Lost Spring Canyon, Fish Sheep Draw, Clover Canyon, Cordova Canyon, Mine Draw, and Cottonwood Wash, which are currently under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management, and to include a portion of Fish Sheep Draw, which is currently owned by the State of Utah. Agreed to amend the title;
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James L. Foreman United States Courthouse: H.R. 1502, to designate the United States Courthouse located at 301 West Main Street in Benton, Illinois, as the “James L. Foreman United States Courthouse”;
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Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies: S. 1258, to amend the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 to prohibit an alien who is not lawfully present in the United States from receiving assistance under that Act—clearing the measure for the President;
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Cleveland, Ohio Land Conveyance: S. 1347, to permit the city of Cleveland, Ohio, to convey certain lands that the United States conveyed to the city—clearing the measure for the President;
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Pilot Records Improvement Act: H.R. 2626, amended, to make clarifications to the Pilot Records Improvement Act of 1996;
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Families of Passengers Involved in Foreign Air Carriers Aircraft Accidents: H.R. 2476, amended, to amend title 49, United States Code, to require the National Transportation Safety Board and individual foreign air carriers to address the needs of

families of passengers involved in aircraft accidents involving foreign air carriers; **Pages H10561–63**

Export-Import Bank Reauthorization: Conference report on S. 1026, to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H10563–67**

Extend Energy Programs: H. Res. 317, providing for the agreement of the House to the Senate amendment to the bill, H.R. 2472, to extend certain programs under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, with an amendment; **Pages H10567–68**

Delay Implementation of Entry-Exit Control System: H.R. 2920, to amend the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 to modify the requirements for implementation of an entry-exit control system (passed by a yeas and nays vote of 325 yeas to 90 nays, Roll No. 627); and **Pages H10568–74**

Federal Advisory Committee Act: H.R. 2977, to amend the Federal Advisory Committee Act to clarify public disclosure requirements that are applicable to the National Academy of Sciences and the National Academy of Public Administration. **Pages H10578–81**

Suspension Failed—Minority Religious Groups Re German Government: The House failed to suspend the rules and agree to H. Con. Res. 22, amended, expressing the sense of the Congress with respect to the discrimination by the German Government against members of minority religious groups, particularly the continued and increasing discrimination by the German Government against performers, entertainers, and other artists from the United States associated with Scientology by a yeas and nays vote of 101 yeas to 318 nays, Roll No. 625. **Pages H10509–24, H10528**

Further Continuing Appropriations: Considered by unanimous consent, the House passed H.J. Res. 104, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1998. **Pages H10529–31**

Adjournment Sine Die Preparation: The House agreed to H. Res. 311, the rule providing for consideration of certain resolutions in preparation for the adjournment of the first session sine die by a yeas and nays vote of 257 yeas to 159 nays, Roll No. 628. Pursuant to the rule, H. Con. Res. 194, providing for a joint session of Congress to receive a message from the President and H. Res. 320, appointing a committee to notify the President concerning the proposed adjournment of the session were considered as adopted. **Pages H10575–77**

Postponed Suspensions: Agreed that the Speaker be authorized to designate a time not later than November 14, 1997, for resumption of proceedings on the seven remaining motions to suspend the rules originally debated on September 29, 1997. **Page H10577**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with Calendar Wednesday business of November 12. **Page H10577**

Enrollment Authorization: Agreed that H.J. Res. 103, waiving the printing on parchment for the remaining appropriation bills when presented to the President, be discharged, considered, and passed. **Pages H10577–78**

Meeting Hour—November 12: Agreed that when the House adjourns on the legislative day of today, it adjourn to meet at noon on Wednesday, November 12, 1997. **Page H10577**

Further Continuing Appropriations: Considered by unanimous consent, the House passed H.J. Res. 105, making further continuing appropriations through Friday, November 14, for the fiscal year 1998. **Page H10578**

Amend Rule: Agreed by unanimous consent to amend H. Res. 314, the rule waiving a requirement of clause 4(b) of rule XI with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules. **Page H10581**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H10424, H10526, H10540, H10548, and H10574.

Referrals: S. Con. Res. 58, expressing the concern of Congress over Russia's newly passed religion law and S. 759, to provide for an annual report to Congress concerning diplomatic immunity were referred to the Committee on International Relations. S. 508, to provide for the relief of Mai Hoa 'Jasmin' Salehi; S. 857, for the relief of Roma Salobrit; and S. 1304, for the relief of Belinda McGregor were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. S. 1487, to establish a National Voluntary Mutual Reunion Registry was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means. **Pages H10478–79**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Seven yeas-and-nays votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H10428, H10526–27, H10527, H10528, H10528–29, H10574, and H10576–77. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 2:00 p.m. and adjourned at 2:02 a.m. on Monday, November 10.

Committee Meetings

AMTRAK REFORM AND AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 8 to 3 a rule providing for the consideration of S. 738, Amtrak Reform and Accountability Act of 1997, which shall be considered as read. The rule provides that the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report shall be considered as adopted. The rule waives all points of order against the bill as amended. The rule also provides for one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the Chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. Finally the rule provides one motion to commit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Shuster and Representatives Oberstar and Wise.

Joint Meetings

FDA REFORM

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of S. 830, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the Public Health Service Act to improve the regulation of food, drugs, devices, and biological products.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1997

Senate

No meetings are scheduled.

House

No Committee meetings are scheduled.